

Plaistow, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

Monday through Friday, 8 am - 4:30 pm; Town Clerk:
Monday, 8 am - 7 pm, Tuesday through Thursday,
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County
 Labor Market Area
 Tourism Region
 Planning Commission
 Regional Development

Rockingham
Haverhill MA-NH NECTA Division, NH Portion
Seacoast
Rockingham
Regional Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts
 US Congress
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

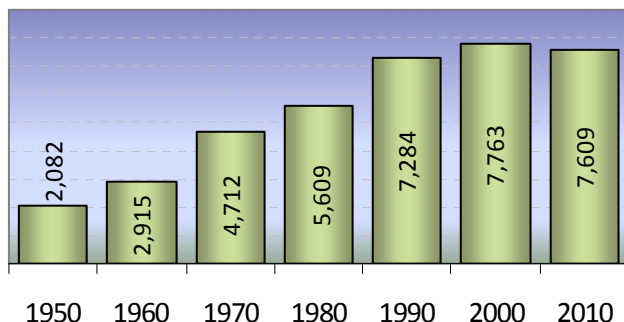
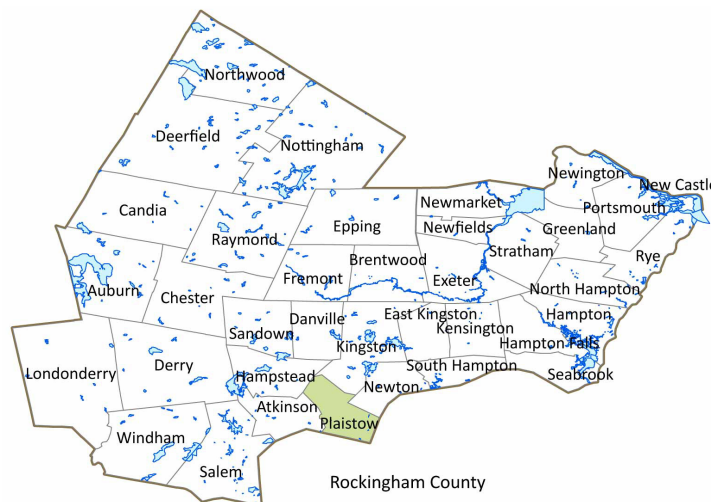
District 1
District 3
District 22
Rockingham County District 8

Incorporated: 1749

Origin: This territory was part of the 1642 land purchase that was Haverhill, Massachusetts. When the New Hampshire-Massachusetts boundary was established in 1741, the portion north of the border became the Haverhill District. The town was incorporated as Plastow in 1749, and included Atkinson, which was separated in 1767. The spelling was changed later. The name may have come from the English "plaistowe," meaning "an open space or greenwood, near the center of a village where the maypole stood and where sports at holiday times were carried on."

Villages and Place Names: Westville

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 521 residents in 1790



Population Trends: Population change for Plaistow totaled 4,694 over 50 years, from 2,915 in 1960 to 7,609 in 2010. The largest decennial percent change was a 62 percent increase between 1960 and 1970; the smallest, a seven percent increase between 1990 and 2000. The 2010 Census estimate for Plaistow was 7,609 residents, which ranked 39th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2010 (US Census Bureau):
 715.9 persons per square mile of land area. Plaistow contains 10.6 square miles of land area and 0.01 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen/Manager
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2012	\$7,602,156
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Zoning Ordinance	1956/12
Master Plan	2005
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Library; Budget; Trust Funds; Conflict of Interest
Appointed:	Conservation; Zoning; Cable; Recreation

Public Library **Plaistow Public**

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department	Full & part-time
Fire Department	Full, part-time, volunteer
Emergency Medical Service	Full, part-time, volunteer

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Merrimack Valley, Haverhill, MA	7 miles	105
Parkland Medical Center, Derry	15 miles	82
Exeter Hospital, Exeter	16 miles	99

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	Unitil
Natural Gas Supplier	Northern Utilities; Bay State Gas
Water Supplier	Pennichuck; Private wells

Sanitation	Private septic
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	Municipal
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Voluntary

Telephone Company	Earthlink Business
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	Yes
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	Yes
Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES *(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)*

2011 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$24.71
2011 Equalization Ratio	94.6
2011 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$23.22

2011 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type

Residential Land and Buildings	66.9%
Commercial Land and Buildings	30.3%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	2.8%

HOUSING *(ACS 2006-2010)*

Total Housing Units	3,047
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	2,306
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	556
Five or More Units in Structure	185
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	0

DEMOGRAPHICS*(US Census Bureau)*

Total Population	Community	County
2010	7,609	295,223
2000	7,763	278,748
1990	7,284	246,744
1980	5,609	190,345
1970	4,712	138,951

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2006-2010

Population by Gender		
Male	3,799	Female 3,903

Population by Age Group

Under age 5	375
Age 5 to 19	1,786
Age 20 to 34	905
Age 35 to 54	2,472
Age 55 to 64	1,232
Age 65 and over	932
Median Age	43.2 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	93.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher	29.6%

INCOME, 2010 INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ *(ACS 2006-2010)*

Per capita income	\$34,147
Median 4-person family income	\$92,750
Median household income	\$76,471

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers

Male	\$62,608
Female	\$39,738

Families below the poverty level	4.3%
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LABOR FORCE *(NHES – ELMI)*

Annual Average	2001	2011
Civilian labor force	4,589	4,340
Employed	4,343	4,064
Unemployed	246	276
Unemployment rate	5.4%	6.4%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES *(NHES – ELMI)*

Annual Average Covered Employment	2001	2011
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	617	478
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 831	\$ 969
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	3,388	3,064
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 444	\$ 537
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	4,005	3,542
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 503	\$ 595
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	920	1,073
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 614	\$ 837
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	4,925	4,615
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 524	\$ 651

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE*(NH Dept. of Education)*Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Timberlane Regional (Atkinson, Danville, Plaistow, Sandown)**District: **SAU 55**Career Technology Center(s): **Pinkerton Academy, Derry; Salem High School Vocational Center**Region: **17**

Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1	1	1	
Grade Levels	P K 1-5	6-8	9-12	
Total Enrollment	535	1,016	1,413	

2012 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS – Bureau of Child Care Licensing):

Total Facilities: **10**Total Capacity: **507**Nearest Community/Technical College: **Great Bay**Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Chester College of New England; Northern Essex (MA); University of NH**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Timberlane Regional School District	Education	740	1963
Market Basket	Supermarket	300	1978
Wal-Mart	Retail store	275	1993
Kohl's	Department store	147	2003
Home Depot	Home improvement center	140	2004
Shaw's Supermarket	Supermarket	125	1992
Scandia Plastics	Custom plastic extrusions	56	1971
T J Maxx	Department store	55	1992
Rite Aid	Pharmacy	35	2002
CVS	Pharmacy	35	1990

TRANSPORTATION *(distances estimated from city/town hall)*

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	108, 121A, 125
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-495 (MA), Exit 51
	Distance	3 miles
Railroad		Boston & Maine
Public Transportation		CART
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Lawrence (MA) Municipal	Runway	5,000 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	36 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		6
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		35 miles
Portland, Maine		83 miles
Boston, Mass.		39 miles
New York City, NY		243 miles
Montreal, Quebec		292 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK *(ACS 2006-2010)*

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	82.4%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	11.3%
Public transportation	0.8%
Walked	0.4%
Other means	0.4%
Worked at home	4.6%
Mean Travel Time to Work	30.4 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2006-2010	
Working in community of residence	20.5%
Commuting to another NH community	30.2%
Commuting out-of-state	49.3%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
X	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
	Cinemas
X	Performing Arts Facilities
	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
X	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
X	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Bradford (MA)
	Other: Hiking Trails; Band Concerts